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SUBJ: CHINA-JAPAN RELATIONS (U)

(U) ~~KEY POINTS~~

(U) ~~(C)~~ Beijing wary of US-Japan security alliance

(U) ~~(C)~~ Both seek to maintain good relations for economic advantages

~~(U)~~ DISCUSSION

- ~~(C)~~ Sino-Japanese relations are always tenuous, reflecting historical animosity
- ~~(C)~~ Japan halted grant aid to China in Aug 95 to protest its ongoing nuclear tests

- ~~(C)~~ Beijing condemns alleged strengthening of the US-Japan security alliance
 - Beijing perceives Japan as northern anchor of US-sponsored containment alliance against China

- ~~(C)~~ The dispute over the Senkaku Islands has revived a diplomatic quagmire among China, Taiwan, and Japan

(U) ~~(C)~~ Both Beijing and Tokyo are seeking to manage tensions

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